

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Some of the Organochlorine pesticides like DDT, Endosulfan, BHC and Lindane are manufactured in the country. These pesticides have been reviewed by the Government for their continued use in the country and except for Endosulfan, the use of others have been restricted. Further, manufacture and use of BHC stands banned with effect from 1.4.1997.

(b) Some of the reasons for allowing the use of these pesticides are :—

- (i) Non-availability of safer and cheaper substitutes;
- (ii) Comparatively more rapid bio-degradability under Indian conditions;
- (iii) Specific pest problems and agro-climatic situation.

(c) and (d) Chlorine is a co-product of caustic soda industry. It is a general purpose chemical having large number of uses. Approximately 7,00,000 tonnes of liquid chlorine is produced by about 30 different manufacturers in the country. Keeping in view the usefulness of various chlorine based chemicals, Government has no intention to discourage the production of such chemicals.

IPS Officers

1588. SHRI ISWAR PRASANNA HAZARIKA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of IPS Officers from various States and the Centre against whom actions such as FIRs, charge-sheets, registration of cases by CBI, Police and other enforcement authorities, Departmental enquiries, etc. have been initiated or are in process for commission of misconduct/offences during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of cases out of the said cases on account of corruption and/or allied offences yearwise;

(c) whether there is a rising trend over the years of cases arising out of commission of misconduct and other criminal offences; and

(d) if so, whether the Government are contemplating adoption of appropriate preventive measures in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indo-Oman Joint Venture Fertilizer Plants

1589. SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether some Fertilizer Plants are proposed to be set up in the country in collaboration with Oman;

(b) if so, the number of Indo-Oman joint venture fertilizer plants proposed to be set up in the country in Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) the cost and capacity of each of these projects and sites selected for their establishment; and

(d) if so, the details of the terms and conditions entered into with Oman for setting up the plants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) There is no proposal for setting up any fertilizer plant in India in collaboration with Oman.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Prices of Milk

1590. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is wide disparity between the prices of toned milk being sold by Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Dairy in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether such subsidisation by DMS is putting a lot of pressure on its production capacity to meet the increasing demand of the milk and it is incurring a heavy loss which is cumulating year by year; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to maintain parity in the prices of the milk supplied by the DMS and Mother Dairy and to make up the loss of DMS so as to make DMS a viable unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) to (c) The present sale prices of a litre of toned milk sold by Mother Dairy and Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) are as follows :

	In Polypack	Through bulk vending
Mother Dairy	Rs. 12/-	Rs. 11/-
Delhi Milk Scheme	Rs. 7/-	No bulk vending

The selling price of DMS milk was kept generally at levels lower than the full cost of procurement, processing and distribution. As a result of this it becomes necessary to provide budgetary support to the DMS for its operations.

[Translation]

Sugar Mills

1591. SHRI HARIVANSH SAHAI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of fishes are dying due to polluted water of Kaptanganj sugar mill in Uttar Pradesh and the entire area gets polluted as a result thereof; and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government against this sugar mill and other sugar mills spreading pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Aquatic life including fishes may be adversely

affected if untreated effluents are discharged in the water bodies. The Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board has reported that M/s Kanoria Sugar and General Manufacturing Co. Ltd. at Kaptanganj in Uttar Pradesh has provided effluent treatment plant to treat its effluent. The State Pollution Control Board had issued directions to this unit for proper operation and maintenance of the effluent treatment plant.

(a) All other sugar units in Uttar Pradesh have been directed by the Board for proper operation and maintenance of their effluent treatment plants so as to conform to the prescribed standards.

Animal Diseases

1592. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to promote treatment of the animal diseases in the private sector particularly in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken the advise of certain experts before formulating these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

[English]

Pollution in National Capital Region

1593. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR :

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Pollution turning into environment crisis" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', dated January 29, 1997;

(b) if so, whether any recent study have been conducted to ascertain the level of pollution in the towns of the NCR;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(d) the scale and type of fiscal incentives being given to the small and medium scale industries to control the environmental pollution; and

(e) the steps the Government propose to take to save NCR towns from pollution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Central Pollution Control Board conducted an ambient air quality monitoring survey in the National Capital Region—Delhi during the year 1994-95. A total of 33 cities/towns were selected in the National Capital Region covering 14 towns of Uttar Pradesh, 16 towns of Haryana and 3 towns of Rajasthan. The monitoring continued for thirty days in three different seasons viz., winter, summer and post monsoon covering the parameters like suspended particulates, oxides of nitrogen and sulphur dioxide. The average ambient levels of pollutants were found below their prescribed limits except suspended particulates.

(d) Fiscal incentives available to the small and medium scale industries include exemption/rebate in custom duty for import of pollution control equipments, rebate in excise duty, Central and State subsidy to the extent of 50 per cent of the total cost of the Combined Effluent Treatment Plants for clusters of small scale units, etc.

(e) Steps taken by the Government to control pollution in the National Capital Region include the following :

- (i) Effluent and emission standards have been prescribed.
- (ii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.
- (iii) Industries have been asked to comply with consent requirements of the State Pollution Control Boards.
- (iv) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment on a time bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.
- (v) Notification of ambient air quality standards has been issued.
- (vi) Central Pollution Control Board regularly monitors the water quality of Yamuna and of the ground water in Delhi. State Pollution Control Boards of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana have been requested to take up monitoring work in the various rivers.
- (vii) Government of India has notified noise standards for industrial, commercial and residential areas and silence zones.
- (viii) Codes of practice has been evolved for operation of various equipments to ensure that noise levels are maintained within the prescribed limits.
- (ix) Public awareness campaigns are being carried out.

Manufacture of Pyrazinamide

1594. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of anomaly in the duty structure of DAMN *vis-a-vis* Cynopyrazine, both